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Dear Examiner Yao,

Thank you for agreeing to an interview in the above noted case.

The Applicant is concerned about the species election requirement. In particular, the species elected in our response was directed towards "antibody". However, the species mentioned in the last office action appears to be anti-CXCR3 antibody, which is more specific than elected. Applicants therefore wish a new Office Action directed towards antibody. Alternatively, if a more specific election of species is necessary, Applicants elect anti-CXCR3 ligand antibodies, which is supported in the examples in the specification and therefore is less problematic with regard to 112 issues.

I look forward to our interview on Wednesday at 11 am.

Warm regards,

William Schmidt